

**The Urban District  
of  
HALTEMPRICE**

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**Annual Report**

**of  
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
and  
THE SANITARY INSPECTORS**

**For the Year ended 31st December,**

**1946**





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# THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HALTEMPRICE.

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# MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR 1946.

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June, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban  
District Council of Haltemprice.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1946, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular 13/47 (England).

### 1.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a)	Area in acres	....	....	....	....	9,026
(b)	Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1946	....	....	....	....	33,840
(c)	Number of inhabited houses end of 1946 according to Rate Books (estimated)	....	....	....	....	10,104
(d)	Rateable value at end of 1946	..	....	....	....	£200,182
(e)	Sum represented by a Penny Rate	....	....	....	....	£798/10/9

### 2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

**Live Births** numbered 570, being :—

		Males.	Females.
Legitimate	....	274	266
Illegitimate	....	16	14

This gives an annual Birth Rate of 16.8, compared with 14.7 for the year 1945, and 19.1 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1946.



**Still Births** numbered 10, being :—

			Males.	Females.
Legitimate	....	....	4	4
Illegitimate	....	....	2	—

This gives an annual Still Birth Rate of 0.29, compared with 0.37 for the year 1945 and 0.53 for the whole of England and Wales for 1946.

**Deaths** numbered 352, being made up of 178 males and 174 females. (331 in 1945). This gives an annual Death Rate of 10.4 for the year, compared with 10.4 for the year 1945 and 11.5 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1946.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	....	....	1
Deaths from other Puerperal causes		....	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	....	....	19
being 10 males and 9 females (1 illegitimate) giving an <i>Infant Mortality Rate</i> of 33.3 for the year, compared with 23 for the year 1945 and 43 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1946.			
Death Rate of legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births	....	....	33
Death Rate of illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	....	....	33
Deaths from Cancer	....	....	56
being 26 males and 30 females.			
Deaths from Measles	....	....	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	....	....	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	....		0
(Against 4.4. for the whole of England and Wales and 6.1 for the 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London).			

NOTE.—Live and Still Birth and Death Rates are quoted relative to per 1,000 total population, whilst Infant Mortality Rate and Infantile Death Rates are relative to per 1,000 live births.

### 3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1946.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ....	29	19	0
Diphtheria ....	3	3	0
Enteric Fever (Para Typhoid) ....	0	0	0
Pneumonia ....	3	0	9
Puerperal Pyrexia ....	1	1	0
Whooping Cough ....	9	0	0
Measles ....	19	0	0
Erysipelas ....	1	0	0
Acute Inf. Enceph. ....	1	1	1
Relapsing Fever ....	1	1	0

### 4.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
1 ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
5 ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
15 ...	4	4	1	1	1	1	...	...
25 ...	3	7	1	2	...	3	1	...
35 ...	7	2	...	1	2	2	...	...
45 ..	...	1	...	1	1	..	...	1
55 ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	14	15	3	6	5	7	1	1

#### COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

Year.	New Cases.	Deaths.
1943 ....	38	13
1944 ....	34	16
1945 ....	35	11
1946 ....	38	14

During the year twenty-one patients were in receipt of the special allowances which may be granted under the provisions of Ministry of Health Circular 266/T.

## 5.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES.	FEMALES.
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ....	0	0
2 Cerebro-spinal fever ....	0	0
3 Scarlet fever ....	0	0
4 Whooping cough ....	0	0
5 Diphtheria ....	0	0
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system....	5	7
7 Other forms of tuberculosis....	1	1
8 Syphilitic diseases ....	1	1
9 Influenza ....	0	1
10 Measles ....	0	0
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph....	0	0
12 Ac. inf. enceph. ....	0	1
13 Cancer of buc. cav. and oesoph. (M) uterus (F)....	1	1
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	5	7
15 Cancer of breast ....	0	10
16 Cancer of all other sites ....	20	12
17 Diabetes ....	1	1
18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions ....	14	22
19 Heart disease....	54	48
20 Other disease of circulatory system.	7	6
21 Bronchitis ....	8	5
22 Pneumonia ....	3	6
23 Other respiratory diseases ....	5	2
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ....	3	0
25 Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ....	0	0
26 Appendicitis ....	1	2
27 Other digestive diseases ....	5	4
28 Nephritis ....	5	4
29 Puerperal and post-abortion, sepsis ....	0	1
30 Other maternal causes ....	0	1
31 Premature birth ....	6	3
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis. ....	2	5
33 Suicide ....	4	3
34 Road traffic accidents ....	3	0
35 Other violent causes....	5	1
36 All other causes ....	19	19
All Causes ....	178	174



## 6.—DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The response by the public to the offer of free immunisation has remained satisfactory throughout the District. During the year 155 children of approximately one year of age were treated, and up to the 31st December, 1946, 3,757 children had received full dosage, while considerable numbers had received the re-inforcing dose.

On account of the geographical condition of the area ( $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles)—it is necessary to hold four separate clinics purely for this purpose. These clinics are held each month at four different centres, and by agreement with the education authority all the schools are visited once a year with the object of picking up stragglers and ensuring that as many as possible get the re-inforcing dose.

## 7.—WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the area has been, and is, satisfactory in both quantity and quality. The chief source is from pumping stations which are situated in this area but which are the property of the Hull Corporation, and the necessary chemical treatment is carried out at source by that Authority.

The water is drawn from deep chalk strata and has consistently proved to be free from contamination. Direct supply from the mains to individual houses is used in the great majority of cases, but there are 178 houses with separate stand pipes, 183 houses with stand pipes shared, and 166 houses—mostly beyond the reach of water mains—have their own pumps. These figures give a population of about 500 who are not provided with a direct mains water supply into their houses.

## 8.—AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Council's Ambulance is available on a full-time basis and during the year did 150 journeys with a mileage of 3,607 miles ; the cases carried included sickness of various kinds, maternity cases, and accidental injuries. There was no breakdown or difficulty at any time.



## 9.—FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The necessary inspections have been made and no contraventions were noted.

## 10.—GENERAL REMARKS.

At the close of my report for 1945 I said "the year saw the conclusion of the war and it is to be hoped that the consequent delay in much needed Health Services will be overcome as speedily as possible—especially with reference to housing and relief from overcrowding, adequate provision of Sanatorium treatment for cases of Tuberculosis, and suitable Hospital accommodation for Maternity cases."

It is very disappointing to have to report that another full year has elapsed and we are really no further forward in any respect as regards these requirements. This is not in any way due to lack of zeal or effort on the part of the County Authority or of ourselves, but is the result of deficiencies and controls common to the whole country. This Council's extensive and much needed housing scheme makes slow progress while house reparations and adaptations, privy conversions and such like, are scanty or absent.\*

The routine sanitary services, including Rodent control and Mosquito spraying, have been well maintained throughout the year, and there has been no delay at any time in investigation of the numerous complaints which reach this department. Complaints are chiefly relative to housing dilapidations, overcrowding, and minor nuisances including blocked drains. The enclosed report of the Sanitary Inspectors shows a record of very useful and diligent work.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

**J. M. HERMON, M.D.**

Medical Officer of Health.

\* Since August 1st, 1945, 64 houses have been requisitioned by this Council, and adapted for the accommodation of 92 families, a population of 357 individuals. This is up to June 20th, 1947.

And 6 **new** houses have been occupied.

# SANITARY INSPECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR 1946.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban  
District Council of Haltemprice

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to present to you our Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1946.

### COMPLAINTS.

During the year 357 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective and choked condition of house drains	....	72
„ or absence of ashes receptacles	....	47
„ privy pails or middens	....	2
„ roofs	....	6
Accumulations of refuse or manure	....	8
Defective and insanitary condition of yards, paths, etc.		2
„ W.C. basins and flushing cisterns	....	25
„ ovens, flues, fireplaces, etc.	....	3
„ house floors	....	4
Dampness in walls	....	7
Defective windows and other woodwork	....	2
„ eaves, gutters and fall pipes	....	5
„ sink and bath waste pipes	....	2
„ wall and ceiling plaster	....	8
Offensive smells	....	4
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	....	4
Defective pumps	...	1
Rats present	....	71
Foul ditches	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	22
Complaints re water supply	....	2
„ „ flooding	....	5
„ „ general defects	....	53
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## INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of houses and premises inspected	...	...	511
" " houses and premises re-inspected	...	...	1305
" " miscellaneous visits	...	...	1237
" " visits to works in progress	...	...	834
" " visits to slaughter-houses and shops re Food Inspection....	....	....	406
" " " " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops			63
" " " " tips	....	...	56
" " " " workshops and factories	...		19
" " " re cases of infectious disease	...		24
" " " " shops, etc.	....	....	174
" " " " Housing Act, 1936	...	...	1
" " " on rat destruction	....	....	205
" " " re storage of Petroleum	....	....	10
" " " to schools	....	....	3
" " " to bakehouses	....	....	7
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			4,855
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## NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	839
Statutory Notices under Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	2
Statutory Notices under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	26
Statutory Notices under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	156
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## SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

## DRAINS.

Repaired, Cleansed, etc....	....	....	....	....	181
New provided	....	....	....	....	1
Relaid	....	....	....	....	<hr/>
New gullies fixed....	....	....	....	....	2

## WATER CLOSETS.

New pans fixed....	....	....	....	....	....	17
New W.C.'s installed	....	....	....	....	....	1
Cisterns repaired	....	....	....	....	....	22
New cisterns fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	14
Privies converted to W.C.'s	....	....	....	....	....	2
Soil pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	2
New soil pipes fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—

## SINKS AND BATHS.

New provided	....	....	....	....	....	1
New waste pipes provided	....	....	....	....	....	3
Waste pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	2

## R.W. PIPES.

Repaired	....	....	....	....	....	11
Renewed	....	....	....	....	....	3

## WATER SUPPLY.

Cisterns repaired....	....	....	....	....	....	29
Pumps repaired	....	....	....	....	....	1
Water supplies laid on	....	....	....	....	....	4
Service pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	24
Pumps abolished	....	....	....	....	....	1

## YARD, PAVING, ETC.

Yards paved	....	....	....	....	....	—
Paving repaired	....	....	....	....	....	7
Yards cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	1

## DUST RECEPTACLES.

Provided	....	....	....	....	....	482
New privy pails provided	....	....	....	....	....	8

## DAMPNESS.

Roofs repaired	....	....	....	....	....	39
Eaves gutters provided	....	....	....	....	....	3
Eaves gutters repaired	....	....	....	....	....	53
Walls rendered or pointed	....	....	....	....	....	10
Ventilation provided under floors	....	....	....	....	....	3



## GENERAL REPAIRS, ETC.

Walls repaired	....	....	....	....	....	18
Windows repaired	....	....	....	....	....	39
House floors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	35
Ranges repaired	....	....	....	....	....	28
Ceilings repaired	....	....	....	....	....	36
Animals removed	....	....	....	....	....	2
Accumulations removed	....	....	....	....	....	5
Rooms ventilated	....	....	....	....	....	2
Wall Plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	....	100
Additional Windows provided	....	....	....	....	....	1
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	7
Obstructive buildings removed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Premises closed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Rooms cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Cellars filled in	....	....	....	....	....	—
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	34

## SHOPS ACT—1934.

Numerous inspections have been made under the above heading, and in one or two instances the Sanitary accommodation provided was found to be unsatisfactory.

The necessary works required to comply with the Act have now been carried out.

The majority of the Shops in the district are, however, of the small “general” type having dwellings occupied by the proprietors attached.

## 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

	No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	253	268
(2) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	15	34

(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	—
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	253
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.				
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	....		190
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.				
	A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	—
	carried forward from 1936				36
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				3
	B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied....	....	....	....	556
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	484
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				65
	C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....		—

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	....	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	....	—

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

A.	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	....	....	....	15
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...			15
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	....			125
B.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	....	....	....	3
C.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	—
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	....	26
D.		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....			—
E.		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	....	....	....	—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	....	....	....	21
Number of Cowkeepers	....	....	....	59
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	....	....	....	80



## FOOD INSPECTION.

The table below shews the number of carcasses, including organs, of animals inspected :—

Bovines	....	....	....	1,270
Sheep	....	....	....	4,231
Pigs	...	....	....	147
				<hr/> 5,648 <hr/>

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

## CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle including Calves	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected ....	1,270	4,231	147
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis :</b>			
Whole carcasses condemned ....	—	5	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ....	291	34	36
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ....	22.91%	.92%	25.85%
<b>Tuberculosis only :</b>			
Whole carcasses condemned ....	17	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ....	46	—	1
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis ....	4.96%	—	1.36%

Total weight of condemned Fresh Meat was 16,641 lbs.



Other foodstuffs inspected and condemned during the year are as follows :—

Corned Beef ....	784 lbs.	Jam ....	73 lbs.
Bacon ....	65½ lbs.	Sweets ....	55½ lbs.
Tinned Meats....	31 lbs.	Dried Fruits ....	24 lbs.
Cereals ....	116 pkts.	Tea ....	12 lbs.
Sultanas ....	24 lbs.	Mixed Tinned Foods	117 tins
Mussels ....	1 cwt.		
Butter....	16 lbs.		

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

All the slaughtering, excepting in cases of emergency, is carried out in the Government Controlled Slaughterhouse. Routine meat inspection is made, and with regard to emergency slaughtering, this department is notified by the slaughterhouse manager or slaughterman immediately following. Periodical limewashing of slaughterhouses and lairs is carried out. The total number of licensed slaughterhouses on the register is nine.

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power) ....	48
Factories (no power) ....	23
Workplaces ....	—
	—
	71

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory, excepting in one case, and the owners have submitted plans for the provision of new and enlarged sanitary conveniences

## HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse throughout is undertaken by direct labour, and is under the control of the Engineer's Department.

Mechanical transport is used throughout the District, and a weekly collection is made.

All house refuse in the three Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

COTTINGHAM WARD—Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit, Cottingham.		
CENTRAL	„	Controlled tipping at the Ripplingham Cross Roads tip.
HESSLE	„	Controlled tipping on tip near the Humber Bank.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from population areas and have proved satisfactory.

## DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

We are, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

**HILARY STEELE,**

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

**F. RHODES,**

Sanitary Inspector.



